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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTION - SUMMARY
OF FIRST WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

REF: USUN 099; USUN 115; USUN 116

1. DELEGATE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL ACTION PAPER
(PC 26), DURING THE SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR THE UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT), INDICATE
GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE DRAFT PAPER.

2. HOWEVER, MUCH CONCERN WAS RAISED OVER THE STRUCTURE AND
ORGANIZATION OF THE PROPOSED DRAFT. A SUGGESTED STRUCTURAL
FORMAT FOR REASSEMBLING THE DRAFT PAPER WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED
BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN
PROVIDED BY THE AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS.

3. THE MAJOR CRITICAL NATIONAL ACTION ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN
PRESENTED DURING DELEGATE INTERVENTIONS ON THE DRAFT PAPER
INCLUDE: A) PROVIDING A CLEAR INTRODUCTORY PASSAGE ON
THE DEFINITION AND CONCEPT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; B) SEP-
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ARATING THE TREATMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL SETTLEMENT CONCERNS

AND ISSUES; C) EMPHASIZING THAT SETTLEMENT POLICY AND ITS PLANNING MUST BE DECISION MAKING AND ACTION ORIENTED (IMPLEMENTABLE) AND MUST BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ECOLOGICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS; D) FOCUSING ON EXISTING SETTLEMENTS FOR GROWTH AND REASHPING OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS FUTURE NEW SETTLEMENT NEEDS; E) TREATING "NEW SETTLEMENT" AND "RENEWAL OF URBAN AREAS" POLICIES AS COMPLEMENTARY; AND F) DEVELOPING "MINIMUM STANDARDS" THAT ARE SENSITIVE TO NATIONAL CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AS WELL AS AFFORDABLE BY THE LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

4. CHAIRMAN MUHOHO OF THE PREP COM HAS ASKED FOR AN RECIVED AGREEMENT FROM THE DELEGATES ON THE NEED TO APPOINT AND INFORMAL NATIONAL ACTION DRAFTING GROUP TO INCORPORATE THE MANY INTERVENTIONS AND WRITTEN REVISIONS, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR RESTRUCTURING THE PRESENTATIONS, SUBMITTED BY THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DRAFTING GROUP HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INPUTS FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION TO INSURE THE INCORPORATION OF POINTS COVERED IN U.S. REWRITE OF PC 26. THE COMMITTEE'S WORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE PLENARY BY EARLY NEXT WEEK TO INSURE REVIEW AND FINAL ADOPTION BY COB FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1976. END.
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